

The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Man's Need of an Uttermost Saviour

RADIO SERMON by T. MYRON WEBB

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:25).

Today I want to bring you a message revolving around two cardinal themes of the Bible, namely; man's need for an uttermost Saviour, and God's wonderful provision for such a Saviour. I want your mental tents to be pitched around this one single statement: "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost." I want you to lay aside every prejudice and every preconceived idea and grasp this single all-powerful, and all-inclusive revelation from God's Word.

God is not telling you that He is partly able to save you and that you must needs work out part of your salvation yourself. God is not telling you that He will save you if by your own efforts you become morally clean and fine, for GOD, knowing the nature of man, knows that he needs "AN UTMOST SAVIOUR; one who is able to save you to the uttermost; one who is able to save you from your past; one who is able to save you from your present; and one who is able to save you for the future. God's great love has provided an uttermost salvation and that includes your deliverance from

(A) From the penalty of past sins.

(B) The power of present tendency to sin.

(C) Deliverance from the habit of sin.

Because Man Is Lost to the Uttermost, He Needs An Uttermost Saviour

In this world today and especially in America, our thinking is definitely confused. Many times morality is mistaken for spirituality. Often culture and refinement are accepted as evidences of



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salvation when nothing can be farther from the truth. It is not hard for the average person to realize the need of salvation among the poor heathen. Even in our pagan understanding we

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The True CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE Toward the Jew

A message in behalf of Israel, given in the Central Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado, December 3, 1942, to a mixed audience of Jews, Gentiles and Christians.

By REV. V. C. OLTROGGE

It is with genuine sincerity that I express my appreciation for this present opportunity. I shudder over the atrocities of worldwide anti-Semitism, and revolt at its increase in our own land. To speak in behalf of Israel is a privilege, and I could wish for it to be granted to me on a nationwide scale.

Accompanying this privilege is a heavy responsibility; I must be ethically fair! Not only am I to commend that which is right, but I must condemn that which is wrong I must do this respecting both Jews and Christian, and that without prejudice or bias. Hence, to avoid being misunderstood, and consequently misinterpreted, I beg your utmost patience and courteous attention as I speak to you upon the theme, "The true Christian Attitude Toward the Jew."

The title of this message is not my own. It is by request that I develop this subject before you, and I am happy to say that a better one could not have been selected. My study of the subject has led me into a fourfold division of the thought expressed in the title, namely: (1) The True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew is one of Appreciation; (2) The True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew is one of Regret; (3) The True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew is one of Love; and (4) The True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew is one of Appeal.

I. CHRISTIANS APPRECIATE JEWS

Let us consider the first proposition: "The True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew is one of Appreciation." The Christian appreciates the fact of Israel's divine origin as a nation. No other nation can boast of a covenant such as was given to her by Jehovah: "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and

in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:2, 3). Search for another nation that can duplicate such a glorious beginning and calling of God! Her



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beginning, after the flesh, was in Abraham, a man mighty in faith. The Christian esteems this man of faith most highly. With similar

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WAS PETER THE FIRST POPE?

DID CHRIST GIVE PETER THE POWER TO FORGIVE SINS?
DID THE CATHOLIC CHURCH GET THIS RIGHT FROM PETER? WAS THE TRUE CHURCH FOUNDED ON PETER OR ON CHRIST?

By Evangelist John R. Rice

And I say also unto Thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18, 19).

Catholics say that Christ founded His church upon Peter. They say that Peter was the first pope, or head of the church, and that this primacy of Peter descends to other Catholic popes. Therefore, they claim that the Catholic

church is the true church, that only the Catholic church can forgive sins, etc. Now that can be easily answered from the Bible, and I hope you will give it careful consideration and check up for yourself and see if this answer is

not thoroughly satisfactory.

1. First, Jesus Did Not Say He Would Found His Church Upon Peter?

The church is not founded upon Peter, but upon Jesus Himself. A note upon these verses in the Scofield Reference Bible says, "There is in the Greek a play upon the words 'thou art Peter' (Petros—literally, a little rock,) and upon this rock (Petra) I will build my church.' He does not promise to build His church upon Peter, but upon Himself, as Peter

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CHAPTER 1: JOHN BARLEYCORN IN BATTLE

Drink has been the deciding factor in many famous battles.

The Bible tells us that the Amalekites sacked and destroyed the city of Ziklag. David pursued them with an army of four hundred men and, finding them "eating and drinking, and dancing," he defeated them and recovered all the loot and captives they had taken.

Strong drink paved the way for their defeat.

Ben-hadad and thirty-two allied

kings besieged the city of Samaria and demanded that it be surrendered to them to loot at will. King Ahab answered with an attack that took them by surprise as they drank and debauched themselves in sodden dissipation. They were routed and defeated.

Strong drink paved the way for their defeat.

The Bible tells us that Belshazzar, the king of Babylon, made a feast for a thousand of his lords,

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The True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew

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appreciation he remembers other of Israel's illustrious sons of faith, among whom are included Isaac who, as a faithful son to his father of faith, was willing to be offered upon the altar of sacrifice in obedience to divine instruction; Jacob who wrestled with the angel of the Lord at the brook Jabbok and prevailed because he had power with God and men—his name consequently changed to Israel, Prince of God; Moses, God's mighty lawgiver and of whom it is written: "he was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth"; Joshua, the great military leader of the Jews, conqueror of heathen nations and giants; yea, the entire list of God's worthies as named in the Old Testament could here be enumerated, but I proceed to those Jews of recent times and of the current day who, because of achievements in other realms, merit the appreciation of Christians.

Christians Recognize Jewish Secular Achievements

From history we remember the illustrious Lord Reading, former Chief Justice of England; the brilliant Lord Beaconsfield, Britain's former Prime Minister; and from the early days of our own struggle for independence, we remember the courageous military officers in Washington's army who were Jews: Col. David Franks, Col. Solomon Bush, Major Benjamin Nones, Captain Israel Israel, and others too numerous to mention. As benefactors to mankind, regardless of race, there are such Jewish philanthropists as Nathan Strauss of milk distribution to needy school children fame; Adolphus Solomon who with Clara Barton founded the Red Cross; Julius Rosenwald and the fund established by him for "the well-being of mankind." In the realm of science, the Christian appreciates the contribution of Dr. Bela Schick who devised the test for diphtheria bearing his name—the Schick Test; he appreciates the benefaction of local anesthesia, introduced by Dr. Carl Koller, an ophthalmic surgeon who first coinized the eye in 1884. Doctors Ehrlich and Wassermann also were Jews. In other realms I call to your attention, Neander and Caspari, worthy historians; Mendelssohn, Rubinstein, Galli Curci, three among many notable musicians. Into Christian ranks there have been some outstanding Jewish preachers—Baron, Flacks, Reich and others. It would be impossible in this short space of time to enlarge these lists to their proper proportions. For these named and for those many unnamed, the Christian, in accord with the true Christian spirit of "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8), in accord with this, I say, the true Christian attitude toward the Jew is one of appreciation.

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The Christian's Great Debt to the Jews

With all that has been said, I must go even further. The Christian appreciates the Jew for having been the human instrumentality in the hands of God for producing and preserving the Bible. He appreciates the Jew for the fact that through him came none other than the One whom the Christians worship—the Lord Jesus Christ! The Jewish prophet Micah (5:2) foretold the coming of this One, and the Christian reads that prophecy with genuine appreciation in his heart: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting." Fantastic as it would sound falling from the lips of another, yet from Jesus' lips it is perfectly proper to hear and accept—"before Abraham was, I am." Yea verily, He is the One whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting.

To you Jews present tonight I say, the true Christian attitude toward you is one of appreciation. For all the notable contributions your worthies have made to mankind; for giving us that Book which is above every book; for being honored of God in giving us the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, we say, "thank you!"

Israel's Tragic Record of Failure

To turn to the next division of my message is not an easy task. But in accord with my obligation to be "ethically fair" I must state my next proposition as "The True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew is one of Regret." All that I shall say will be in the spirit of meekness and love, in such manner as I would want another to deal with my own personal shortcomings.

The Christian regrets Israel's past national failures. Even just a cursory reading of the Old Testament presents her history as one continuous cycle of blessing, backsliding, chastening, restoration; blessing, backsliding, chastening, restoration. She is not alone in this, true, for other nations duplicate this very cycle; but hers is deepened in hue by virtue of the fact that she was called of God to be that nation among nations which was to witness unto God and His salvation. The climax of her failure was reached when she did not recognize her Messiah when He came. With keenest regret the Christian reads in the Jews' own Scriptures concerning this sorry failure, "—and when we (Israel) shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him" (Isa. 53:2). To this the New Testament as a divine commentary adds: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not" (Jno. 1:11).

II. WE REGRET JEWISH FAILURES

Jesus, the Son of Israel's Virgin, the Messiah!

Consider the record. An angel of the Lord appeared to a virgin in Israel, Mary, and informed her that by divine choice she was to become the mother of the Messiah. The man unto whom she was betrothed soon came to believe she had been unfaithful to him, and sought to invoke the law of Moses. Out of deep love for her, he proceeded to have the stoning done privately, but was prevented by the same angel of the Lord informing him that that which was to be born of her was to be the Son of God. Joseph believed the angel, spared his wife, and in due season, in Bethlehem in accord with what the prophets

had written and the angel promised, Jesus was born. Many there were—Jews—who believed on Him. During the course of His earthly life, as He condemned the wrong and commended the right, He invoked the wrath of the leaders of Israel. They accounted Him the "carpenter's son" and were offended at His ministry. Their wrath rose to high pitch, and they sought to stone Him. Calmly He asked them, "Wherefore seek ye to kill me?" Hotly they replied, "For a good work we stone thee not, but that thou being a man, makest thyself God." Recall His trial. He is mocked, spat upon, scourged! Envision Calvary! The nails are driven through His hands and feet; His body is lifted between heaven and earth as though unfit for either realm. Among those standing by in agonizing silence is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Oh hear me, if Joseph—or any other man—had been the father of Jesus, think you not that mother love would have opened her lips to cry, "Stop! Don't scourge my son; don't crucify my boy! Joseph is his father; let him go!" But NO! She MARY—knew who the father of her Son was; her lips were sealed—to all of his suffering—BY THE TRUTH! Her Son was the SON OF GOD! Mary, a virgin in Israel, knew, but Israel did not know! Oh Israel, will you still give the lie to the mother love of the virgin of your people, and crucify your Messiah afresh by your continued rejection of Him?

Could a true Christian do ought but regret Israel's blindness in respect to her own Deliverer? She, too, will one day regret these years of blindness. It is written, "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wall because of Him" (Rev. 1:7). Until this time shall dawn, Israel's present plight will continue, yes, and intensify.

Israel's Sufferings Foretold

The Christian regrets this because the Jew has his own Scriptures which tell him the why and whereof of his present estate. Over and over have the prophets of Israel, writing by divine inspiration, given knowledge concerning coming chastisements. Of the many recorded, I should like to elaborate at length on the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy, but I select only a part of verse thirty-three and all of verse thirty-seven, literal living commentaries upon Israel's present unhappy condition: "—and thou shalt be oppressed and crushed always; and thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee." Is not this day here? Jews around the world are finding no rest for the soles of their feet, but in the morning are crying out, "would God it were evening" and in the evening they are crying "would God it were morning." Widespread is the fear that as pogroms spread, Jewry will be destroyed from off the face of the earth. Never fear; God's promise is sure; "Thus saith the Lord; if heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth be searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord" (Jer. 31:37). But He has not promised midst the fires that shall be kindled against Israel, their numbers shall not be greatly reduced! Contrariwise He has written, "And ye shall be few left in number, whereas ye were as the stars of the heaven for multitude; because ye would not obey the voice of the Lord thy God" (Deut. 28:62). Over this truth the heart of the Christian weeps with regret.

Speaking of these unpleasant judgments, well may you Jews ask, "Are we the only ones to thus experience the chastening of God? Does all this mean that you as Christians, church members, are

holier than we are and therefore exempt from the judgment of God?" Not at all! Let me assure you that we are not taking a position of "holier than thou" at all in this matter. We understand and believe the Scriptures in what they say concerning you; we also believe what they say concerning us, and for our sins and failures we, too, the Church of Christ may expect His chastening hand upon us. Before His throne we are all to "give an account for the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or whether they be evil." And for present chastening we have the solemn warning, "It is time that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel?" (I Pet. 4:17). Yea, verily, Christians, too, will be chastened for their evils, and their only way of escape is to sincerely appropriate first John one, nine, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Israel Must Confess

Well might you Jews ask, is there no similar escape for us? Yes, you, too, have a confession to make. For your very present instruction Moses wrote Leviticus twenty-six, forty: "When they shall confess their iniquity (the sin of rejecting the Messiah) and the iniquity of their fathers (the sin of crucifying the Messiah), with their trespass which they have trespassed against me, and that they also have walked contrary unto me;—then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. "Yea, then will Israel be the head and not the tail" and every family in the earth will experience blessing to the full because of her.

Until this time of Israel's national confession, anti-Semitism will continue. For centuries Satan plotted with fiendish cunning to cut off the line through which the Messiah was to come. When in the course of God's program it became evident that Israel was to be the channel through which He was to appear, the Devil turned his savagery loose upon this people. Under his attacks Israel succumbed to spiritual adultery over and over. In spite of his assaults, God overruled, and through His people brought in the Messiah. Though defeated in his past attempts, Satan's anger has not abated, and today he still delights to foment wrath against the Jews for what has been accomplished through them as the chosen people of God. The unsaved of the earth become willing tools in his hands, hence the response from the world at large to anti-Semitism. In sovereign power God is using that very wrath to fulfill His divine plan and purpose concerning the Jew.

Christians Not to Persecute Jews

This is knowledge with which every Christian should be familiar, for though the world may lend itself readily to the Devil's doings, and God will use its blindness to accomplish the chastening of His people, yet nowhere in His Word does He call Christians to this business. He acknowledged He would use "hunters" to hunt Israel out from every nation of the earth (Jer. 16:16), and hunters use dogs! This should not be the role of Christians! He has also said He would use "fishermen" to fish for them from the ends of the earth. This is more befitting the Christian, for to him Christ has said, "Follow me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). Fishermen use bait, and fishers for men have the gospel of love and redemption as bait with which to bring men—"the Jew first"—to the saving knowledge of God in Christ Jesus. What a shame when Christians become dogs for the worldling hunt-

ers of the Jews, rather than fishermen to whom God has explicitly given the commission, "Go, preach—teach—baptize—"! Yea, rather, let the Christian feel something of the compassion of Christ over these benighted people as He wept over them with bitter tears, crying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt. 23:37).

Moreover, the Christian regrets anti-Semitism, because it is the camel's nose to anti-Christianity. Judaism and Christianity are the only two divinely established religions on the earth. The Devil hates them both. The hatred of the one leads to the hatred of the other. Witness those nations where anti-Semitism gained sway and went on to the persecution of Christianity—the Church. Our last analysis in this particular is the hatred that manifests itself against either or both the Jew and the Christian, is hatred for Christ, the Jew! Be not deceived; the Christian who lends himself to anti-Semitism is paving the way for his own final destruction in the coming persecution of Christianity.

III. CHRISTIANS MUST LOVE JEWS

Christianity is heralded far and wide as the "religion of love." Therefore I state my third proposition: "The True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew is one of Love."

Christian, Gentile and Jew

I have reached that stage in my message where it becomes me to dispel a popular fog shrouding the minds of Jews concerning Christians and Gentiles. To the average Jew, the terms Christian and Gentile are synonymous. This is a great mistake. A Christian is one in whose heart and life a change has been wrought; one who has been saved "by grace through faith" in Jesus Christ; one who has been born again or regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and who henceforth has heaven's abode secured to him for time and eternity.

Permit me to amplify. I was born in a small town in north-eastern Iowa. My parents were of German and Danish descent. In the eyes of men I was a Gentile. Later I heard the gospel—that God loved me, a sinner, and had sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for me on Calvary. I was told that Christ had risen again from the dead, and was alive now, able and willing to save me if I would receive Him as my Savior. I believed that; I believed Him. In response to my faith, God sent His Spirit into my heart, regenerating me, saving me. That is what made me a Christian! That is what makes any man a Christian. A man may be either a Gentile or a Jew, and as such, that is all he is; but when he accepts Jesus Christ as Savior by faith, that moment, in the sight of God his Gentile or Jewish identification is lost and he becomes a Christian. Men do not always make such distinction between Jew, Gentile and Christian clear, but God does, and it is important that our perspective of such relationships be in accord with His.

It is necessary to enlarge this distinction between Jew, Gentile and Christian a little further. The current popular mind assumes that all Church members are Christians. This is assumed because the Church is the visible representation of Christianity in the earth. We could wish this as—

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and they drank wine and praised the gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood and stone. That night Belshazzar was slain and Darius the Median took the kingdom.
Strong drink paved the way for that defeat.

The Battle of Hastings

History tells us that the night before the world-famous battle of Hastings, which was fought in October, 1066, between the Normans and the Saxons, was a night of feasting, drinking and reveling for the Saxons, but a night of prayer and fasting for the Normans. The Normans won the battle.

Strong drink played its part in the defeat of the Saxons.

The Battle of Waterloo

One of the most famous battles of all time was the battle of Waterloo, which was fought on June 18, 1815, when the forces of Napoleon and those of the Duke of Wellington met in conflict. History tells us that the night before that battle was fought, Marshall Ney, Napoleon's leading general, was put to bed drunk, having imbibed too freely of his favorite Burgundy, and in the battle on the following day he gave his orders in a dazed, befuddled and uncertain state of mind.

The British won the battle. The downfall of Napoleon was complete.
Strong drink was a factor in that ignoble defeat.

The Battle of Trenton

The Hessian soldiers, quartered in Trenton, New Jersey, during the Revolutionary War, decided they would celebrate Christmas Eve of 1776 with drinking and dancing. General Washington, with his battered and ragged columns, broke the ice, crossed the Delaware and attacked them in the midst of their festivities. They were defeated, and thus the Americans won the battle of Trenton, one of the decisive battles of our history.

Strong drink had paved the way for that surprise attack.

The Fall of France

At the start of World War II, Germany and France faced each other across the Maginot Line. They were two mighty, modern, well-equipped armies. Eight months of inactivity passed, during which the German soldiers were under stringent orders to refrain from smoking and drinking. The French soldiers drank and reveled in unbridled lust. There were 814 cases of delirium tremens in one French Army hospital at one time. Then the zero hour struck. Germany swung around the Maginot Line and

launched a blitz upon France. The French Army crumpled like a crushed egg shell. The world gasped in amazement, but aged General Petain, the hero of Verdun in the First World War, broadcast this explanation: "Our soldiers were drunk and couldn't fight."

Strong drink paved the way for the downfall of France.

Pearl Harbor

In a few brief minutes on Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the Pearl Harbor debacle occurred. A billion dollars' worth of vital war equipment was destroyed; the Navy suffered more casualties than in World War I and the Spanish-American War combined; help for the Philippines was cut off, and Japan seized an advantage that has required thousands of lives, much expensive equipment and years of stubborn warfare.

The Japs' sneak attack took Pearl Harbor completely by surprise. How did it happen? It was deliberately planned for Sunday morning by the Japs, according to Bob Bellaire, United Press Bureau manager in Tokio, because they knew that whereas Sunday "is ostensibly a day of worship and rest, it actually is 'the morning after the Saturday night before.'"

Strong drink rendered the island helpless, befuddled, off-guard and at the mercy of the heartless

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of Christ in Paul's heart carried him to passionate bursts of love for Israel. Listen to some of the statements recorded by the apostle to the Gentiles; "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile" (Rom. 1:16). "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:1). "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Rom. 10:1, 2). These verses present the perspective of Christian love toward the Jew. The Christian's charter of love is the thirteenth chapter of Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. Among its radiant declarations of love we read, "love—doth not behave itself unseemly—thinketh no evil—rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth." THE TRUE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE JEW IS ONE OF LOVE! And so to you Jews we say, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, after the flesh was a Jew—and so we love you.

IV. THE CHRISTIAN APPEAL TO JEWS

My final proposition has been stated as "The True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew is one of Appeal." Because of what I have already said regarding the classification of men into Jew, Gentile and Christian, I really wish to make this a three-fold appeal.

Balanced Perspective Needed

I appeal first to non-Jews and non-Christians, in other words, to Gentiles. This is an age of unparalleled propaganda activity. Antisemitism is one of many realms of special propaganda agents; do not allow yourselves to be swept off balance. Certainly it is true that there are renegades and scoundrels among Jewish people. Certainly Bebel, Marx, Trotsky and others of like stripe were Jews. But Jesse James, Benedict Arnold, John Dillinger and others of like stripe were Gentiles! Would you appreciate having them selected as representative of cultured, Christian, patriotic American citizenry? Neither do the Jews appreciate having the renegades of their race held up as representatives of them all. I appeal to you; weigh the propaganda that reaches your ears! Investigate it. Much is made of "Jewish communism"—a figment of the perverted imaginations of men deceived by subtle and vicious propaganda. The hue and cry over the fact that Marx, a Jew, wrote the Communist Manifesto bears scrutiny. After the flesh, yes, Marx was a Jew; but at six years of age he was baptized into the Presbyterian Church; why not speak of Presbyterian Communism? The leaders of Communism in America are William Foster, Clarence Hathaway, Earl Browder, Harry Haywood, Robert Minor and others, not one of whom is a Jew; why not speak of American Communism? Of the members of the Communist party in Russia, in 1918, exactly 2.6 per cent were Jews! Of the nineteen Commissars, four were Jews! Of the fifty or sixty books on Communism from Strachey to Lockwood, not one was written by a Jew!

Some years ago, while pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waverly, Iowa, it was my privilege to introduce to my congregation, Rev. Ivan Neprash. Mr. Neprash had been an ardent atheist, but converted through the study of astronomy, had later become pastor of a Church in Petrograd, Russia. My opening remarks contained the careless expression "Russian Communism." Most kind-

ly but definitely Mr. Neprash corrected me. He assured me, and my people, that Communism was not "Russian," but that as the philosophy of atheism, and with atheists in the Russian governmental saddle, Russia was under the domineering hand of atheistic Communism. This distinction bears widespread recognition.

To many the "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" are incontrovertible proof that the Jews are at the bottom of international turmoil. People obsessed with "Jew hate" do not concern themselves with the extensive research and consequent verdict of forgery that has been returned concerning this spurious document. For such I can only say, and that with regret, "There are none so blind as those who will not see."

An Appeal to Christians

My appeal to Christians is, get close to Christ, synchronize your heartbeat with His and learn to love the Jew. I appeal to you on the ground of Calvary love. Yea, to profess to love Christ, and hate, is to repudiate Him. Your commission to evangelize includes the Jew. It is true that "blindness in part is happened to Israel," but even so, at this present time there is also a "remnant according to the election of grace." In your gospel preaching experiences with them many may prove to be hostile, but nevertheless "as touching the election they are beloved for the father's sakes" (Rom. 11:25, 28). They were the original covenant people of God, and because of the sin of unbelief they have been cast off as unworthy branches, and you have been grafted in in their stead. The Word of God warns, "—you stand by faith; be not highminded, therefore, but fear! For if God cast off the natural branches and grafted you in, take heed lest He cast you off and put the natural branches back in!" (Rom. 11:17-24.)

Remember, too, Christian brother, anti-Semitism precedes anti-Christianity. This is not a personal pet theory. This is the testimony of history.

An Appeal to Jews

My final appeal is to you Jews. Let not the things I have said tonight be quickly forgotten.

Remember to discern between Christian, Gentile and religionist. Your true friends will be the more readily recognized thereby.

My appeal goes further. Let us reverse the title of this message: "The True Jewish Attitude Toward the Christian!" What is it? Practically all that I have said could now be restated with but minor changes. The Word of God is the Christian's final court of appeal on all issues of truth. The prophet Isaiah (8:20) is often quoted to this very end: "To the law and to the testimony: If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Oh, Jews, I lay your Bible before you tonight. It should be your final court of appeals, too! Does your law condemn a man before it hears him? Are not many of you bitterly prejudiced against Christ because of what you have learned secondhand concerning Him? Are not many of you deaf to His claims because of the caricature of Christ presented in the "Toldoth Jeshu"? Are not many of you seeking to develop a photograph of Him through the poor demonstration of many of His imperfect representatives here below? All of these avenues will net you a distortion of Christ! Secondhand learning is often but gossip. The

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True Christian Attitude Toward the Jew

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sumption were true, but sad to say, such is not always the case. Many of the visible representations of Christianity in the earth are counterfeits. Let not this perturb you. Only genuine articles are counterfeited, and the presence of the counterfeit is the evidence that the genuine exists. Counterfeit representations of Christianity are properly called "religions." The word itself comes from the Latin "religio" meaning "to bind." The devotees of the various counterfeits are most surely bound by a multitude of traditions, ceremonies, rituals, et cetera. Idolatry is a paramount feature of every false cult. Many religions worship images and idols openly; others have traditions, false ideals or some other vagary which is their all-consuming religious passion. Christianity contrariwise has not of these. It is not, in the strictest sense, a religion. Christianity is a person—Jesus Christ. The suffix "ian" to the name "Christ," means "of the family of." A Christian, therefore, is one of the family of Christ. This is not religion; this is relationship. I emphasize, therefore, the distinction between Jew and Gentile; Gentile and Christian and religionist.

Orthodox Christianity vs. "Liberal Christianity"

There is another division I must now call attention to. It concerns what is ordinarily considered genuinely accepted Christianity. Christianity is divided into two camps; one is called orthodox Christianity, or fundamentalism; the other is called liberal Christianity, or modernism. Here is a distinction as acute as the one to which I referred a few moments ago. To clarify the atmosphere surrounding these two camps, I wish to draw a parallel between their beliefs: The orthodox or fundamentalist Christian accepts the Bible as the divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God; the liberal or modernistic "Christian" regards the Bible simply as superior literature, the inspiration of which is no more divine than that accorded the writings of Shakespeare, Dante, Milton or other famous writers of time. The orthodox Christian accepts the Biblically revealed record concern-

ing the eternal coexistence of Christ with God the Father, His virgin birth, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His present High Priestly work at the Father's right hand—in short, all of the doctrine surrounding His blessed and divine person and work; the modernistic "Christian" does not accept any of these doctrinal declarations concerning the Son of God, but regards Him merely as a superhuman, one who showed men how to live, and who, if they but follow His principles, may achieve to attainments identical with His. (It is because of this rejection of Him as the Son of God and God the Son, that I say unto you the term "modernistic Christianity" is a contradiction. It cannot exist in fact, and so I shall henceforth refer to this "un-belief as just plain modernism.) Orthodox, fundamental Christianity believes that men, Jew and Gentile, are lost, needing salvation and can be saved only through faith in the crucified, risen, living Lord Jesus; modernism repudiates the fall of man and the fact of sin, teaching contrariwise that salvation is by character and achievement. I could extend this parallel indefinitely, but I have given enough for my purpose.

Liberalism Anti-Christian—Anti-Semitism

Modernism rejects the Christ of Christianity. Modernism rejecting the Christ of Christianity, rejects Christ the Jew. Modernism is of the same kith and kin as anti-Semitism; and in the day of anti-Semitic crisis it will be found aligned against Israel! Current modernistic prattle about deploring international anti-Semitism is but idle talk. Hear me, Jews, the day will come when by experience you will learn that those who accept the Christ of Christianity, the Messiah whom you despise, are alone your true friends! As the religionists of Canaan, and modernistic Baalism of yore wrought havoc with your forefathers, so will current religionism and modernism ultimately work havoc with you.

The Tragic Breach Among Orthodox Christians

If you have followed these distinctions closely, you may now be impatient to ask, "But how about those who take this identical doc-

trinal position with you and still provoke hatred toward the Jew?" Your question compels me to bow my head in shame. I cannot deny that a sad division exists over the Jew within the circle of orthodox Christianity. The reasons for this may be more than I can hope to give. I believe a distinction must be made between anti-Jewishness and anti-Semitism. There are many Christians included, who have had personally disappointing experiences with Jews. They have been bested in a business transaction, treated boorishly over a backyard fence, in the subway—have it what or where you will, and to it all they have added the general spirit of dislike toward the "sheeny" and so have developed an anti-Jewish attitude. Anti-Semitism, on the other hand, goes far deeper. It is the bugaboo that sees the Jew at the bottom of all national and international ills, planning, conniving, scheming to overthrow all governments and force the Gentiles into an international slavery. To be sure it is but a step from anti-Jewishness to anti-Semitism, and sometimes the line of demarcation is difficult to discern. I might offer more reasons as to why some of like doctrinal position provoke hatred toward the Jew, but they would satisfy neither you nor me! Candidly, I confess to both shame and regret for those of my brethren who belittle the love of the Christ they preach when they turn in venom toward the Jew. In all kindness, I say, "Brethren, these things ought not so to be."

Christians Are Called to Love Israel

A Christian, one of the family of Christ, is called to love. Christians are called to love an other, even as Christ loved them (Jno. 13:12), and with His love "shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Spirit," their love to the world of men, Jew and Gentile, is to be inspired and inflamed by that love of God "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jno. 3:16). It is in the light of this love flooding the Christian's heart that I believe Paul wrote in Galatians six, ten, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men—" The love

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MAN'S NEED OF AN UTTERMOST SAVIOUR

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readily accept the fact of the heathen being as lost merely because he has a lower standard of living than we in America. Because his living conditions are more unsanitary we feel that he needs salvation more than those who live here in America with all of its modern conveniences, its high standard of living, and its comfortable environment.

Scripturally speaking, the whole truth is this: The necessity of man's salvation is not based upon his environment, nor yet upon his standard of social living, nor even his moral life. God's Book tells us that in so far as God is concerned "He hath concluded all under sin." "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). God does not say that merely the inhabitants of heathen nations need salvation. He declares that all inhabitants of all nations are in need of salvation. God has not merely concluded that those living in the filth of heathen environment are under sin, HE HAS CONCLUDED ALL UNDER SIN.

"For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. . . . The scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." (Rom. 11:32; Gal. 3:22).

Now, my friend, if God has concluded all to be under sin, man must realize that apart from God's mercy he is lost. Man is not partly saved and partly lost. Man is not almost good enough to be saved. Man, apart from God's SALVATION AND GOD'S UTTERMOST SAVIOUR, IS WHOLLY LOST. What is more, he is unable to help himself to the slightest degree.

God Diagnoses the Lost Condition of Man in the First Chapter of Isaiah

"The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. . . . Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. . . . Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: the while head is sick, and the whole heart faint. . . . From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and purifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." (Isa. 1:3-6).

No more graphic picture can be found in the Bible of man's lost estate than this indictment God has brought against the nation of Israel. It includes the entire being of man. It is an all-inclusive photograph of man in his fallen condition, his lost estate, and his corrupt nature. This description embodies all that man is by nature. It portrays his lost and undone condition, spirit, mind, and soul.

There Is a Great Difference Between God's and Man's Appraisal of Sin

Man judges his condition and that of his neighbor by what he sees on the exterior. God searches the innermost being of man and judges by what He knows. Men measure man's goodness by social standards. God measures man's depravity by spiritual standards, therefore we see that our appraisal of man's condition and God's appraisal are two en-

tirely different viewpoints. Man, because of his fallen nature, cannot understand nor know the standard by which God measures. Sin has separated man and God as far as the east is from the west and "Never the twain shall meet" until they are united in the cross of Christ, therefore God warns and admonishes man to turn aside from his thoughts and from his ways.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. . . . For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. . . . For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55: 7-9).

Sinner friend, God here distinctly tells you that "His thoughts are not your thoughts" and that "His ways are not your ways," and since the final decision concerning the salvation of man rests with God, why should we be foolish enough to seek our own and not God's way of salvation? You may say, "Well, I am a good man; I haven't murdered anyone; I pay my debts; I try to be a good neighbor and therefore I do not need salvation." But let me give you another picture of yourself as God sees you. This is photographed and documented and is God's indictment against the whole world, religious or irreligious, civilized or pagan, and after this documentation God has inscribed His verdict at its close: "FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD." This is not a very flattering picture. It certainly will not enlarge your ego but here it is as set forth in God's Word:

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: . . . There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. . . . They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. . . . Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: . . . Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. . . . Their feet are swift to shed blood: . . . Destruction and misery are in their ways: . . . And the way of peace have they not known: . . . There is no fear of God before their eyes." (Romans 3:10-18).

Again let me repeat: This is not at all a pleasant picture but it is God's photograph and not mine. It is God's estimate of the total depravity of the whole human race and He is no respecter of persons.

Man Needs an Uttermost Saviour Because in So far As God Is concerned He Is Spiritually Dead

When Adam fell and plunged the whole human race into sin MAN DIED SPIRITUALLY. God said, "The day that ye eat thereof, yet shall surely die." This did not mean physical death but SPIRITUAL SEPARATION FROM GOD, and today all men everywhere outside of Christ, are spiritually dead. They are dead concerning any knowledge of God; they are dead to all of the advances of God; they are dead in so far as understanding of God is concerned; they are dead to the wooing of the Holy Spirit; they are dead to any and all holy desires; they are dead so far as any service for God is concerned. Sinner friend, GOD SAYS YOU ARE

DEAD. You have no more chance of identifying yourself with those spiritually alive than an inmate of the cemetery has of rising in his own strength and walking again in the land of the living. ONLY THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST CAN BRING YOU FORTH FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL GRAVE. As Lazarus was dead and in the bondage of corruption until the Lord Jesus Christ said "Lazarus, come forth" (John 11:43), just so will you remain "in the bondage of corruption" until the Lord Jesus Christ shall state to the Satanic powers of darkness, saying, "LOOSE HIM, AND LET HIM GO." (John 11:44).

My friend, you need an "uttermost Saviour" to BREATHE INTO YOU THE BREATH OF SPIRITUAL LIFE AND "RAISE YOU TO SIT IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST." When, and only when you accept Christ as your personal Saviour, will you experience the great transformation which took place in the lives of those pagans at Ephesus who were transformed by the power of God into saints in Christ.

"And you hath he quickened, (made spiritually alive), who were dead in trespasses and sins: . . . Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit now worketh in the children of disobedience: . . . Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." (Ephesians 2:1-3).

Man Needs An Uttermost Saviour Because He Is by Nature, a Child of Wrath

Many unsaved men and women are wholly at a loss to account for their lost and fallen nature. Often when approached on the subject of salvation and Christianity, they will say, "I cannot live up to it," or "I would like to be a Christian but I am afraid I cannot hold out faithful." Of course you cannot, and the reason you cannot is that your very nature is corrupt. God says, "By nature ye are the children of wrath."

We observe different natures in the animal creation, each having a nature peculiar to its own self. It is the nature of a bird to fly: It is the nature of a snake to crawl: The nature of a dog is one of love and loyalty: The nature of a cat is often treacherous, even turning upon its best friend. You cannot teach a snake to fly because it is not the nature of a snake to fly, and by the same token you cannot teach a bird to crawl because it is against the very nature of the bird.

Unregenerate Man Is a Sinner by Nature

Sin and rebellion against God is not an unnatural thing for man: IT IS ENTIRELY NATURAL. The nature of man apart from God runs to sin as naturally as water runs down an incline. The nature of man hungers for sin in the same degree the nature of a vulture hungers for putrifying flesh. The unrestrained nature of man will fly to sin as instinctively as a homing pigeon to her nest. This is the only explanation for man's universal choice of sin over righteousness. That is why it is easier for man to hate than it is to live. This is the reason for man's preference to profanity rather than prayer. This explains the reason why men prefer the pleasures of the world rather than attendance at church, and my friend, YOU CAN NEVER CHANGE YOUR OWN DEPRAVED NATURE. There must be a supernatural overruling of that nature by the Holy Spirit of

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Japs.

The legalized liquor traffic will not pay the United States Government enough revenue in a thousand years to make up for its dastardly, treacherous, undermining work at Pearl Harbor on Saturday night, December 7, 1941.

The Fall of Singapore

The island city of Singapore, which has half a million population, is located on the tip of the Malay Peninsula. It is the commercial center of Asia, controls the great trading routes to the Far East, and prior to World War II was England's largest foreign naval base. It was an empire stronghold the importance of which could not be overestimated.

The Japs realized its importance and immediately following the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor and the capture of the Philippines and other intervening islands they concentrated on the capture of Singapore. The island city was well fortified toward the sea, and a causeway connected it with the mainland. The Japs came in upon

the Peninsula, marched down it and pushed the English defenders back out upon Singapore.

Newspaper reports stated that the last train which crossed the causeway into the city (before the causeway was blown up) was filled with booze, and the Japs appropriated a trainload of food and other supplies which were left behind. Newspaper accounts also tell us that to the very time of the fall of the bastion, people were indulging in dancing and drinking. Every night military leaders gathered in the large Raffles Hotel to drink highball dance and revel.

But Japan took Singapore to the mortification of England and the consternation of Asia!

Strong drink was a potent factor in that fall.

Pearl Harbor II

Consider another example.

As the war progressed and the fighting spread around the world, attention turned to Africa, Egypt and Italy.

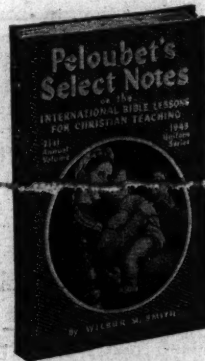
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can newspapers carried these front-page headlines: "Nazis Sink 17 Allied Ships In Italian Port; Loss Is Worst Since Pearl Harbor." There were pictures of a smoke beclouded port choked with burning and blazing battleships. A subhead stated: "35 to 40 German Planes Caught Vessels Like Sitting Ducks; Casualties Total 1,000."

The accompanying article stated that the debacle had occurred on December 2 in the Italian Adriatic port of Bari, which was a major supply center for the British Eighth Army, fighting its way up the east coast of Italy. It was divulged that the Allies had no air coverage when the thirty-five to forty German bombers sunk seventeen ships, damaged many more United Nations vessels, killed a thousand men, among whom were thirty-seven of our Navy personnel, and escaped "scot-free."

Do you know what happened the night before that debacle took place? The Chicago Tribune and the Nashville Banner of December 6 carried an illuminating article which was captioned: "War Chiefs at Big Wine Party in Jerusalem." It declared: "Chiefs of the combined British and American general staffs . . . took a day off and had themselves a time. The entire King David Hotel here (Jerusalem) was taken over. Choice food and liquors, including vintage wines and 1864 brandy, were brought up from Cairo and the generals and admirals spent a day and night relaxing, dancing and sightseeing."

The article explains that seventeen general staff members, with numerous aides, were flown from North Africa, and the party was staged on Wednesday night, December 1, and lasted until 2:00 a.m. the morning of the second, which was spent in sightseeing in the city of Jerusalem. That was the day on which the German planes swooped down on Bari, Italy, sank seventeen ships, damaged many more, killed a thousand men and flew away.

Draw your own conclusions.

The Second Battle of the Marne

Take a look at the other side. July 14, 1918, was the French independence holiday, Bastille Day. All day flags waved, and people celebrated hilariously. Extra portions of wine had been issued to French soldiers, and drinking in the ranks was excessive. Three hundred thousand of the choice "Royal Prussian Guard" German soldiers lined one bank of the Marne river. Facing them on the other bank of the river and defending Paris were French and American soldiers. Drinking among American soldiers was strictly forbidden in World War I. The American troops were inexperienced, but sober. They had been placed in the French ranks so that the seasoned and battle-hardened French divisions would teach them the tricks of modern trench warfare.

The Third division of the American army was directly across the Marne river in the path of the Germans to Paris. On either side was a French division. About midnight the zero hour struck. The cannon boomed and the German advance swung into action. They crossed the river and a withering fire blazed from the guns on both sides. The French division on one side of the American Third division fell back before the charging Germans. Then the French division on the other wing fell back. The American Third division, exposed on both flanks and in front and outnumbered ten to one, held their ground and fought off the Germans. Darkness turned to dawn, day wore into night, followed by another day and another

night, and on the third day, with nearly 200,000 Germans piled in dead, bleeding and wounded heaps upon the battlefield, the Germans gave up the fight. That battle turned the tide of World War I and saved the day for freedom. The unseasoned but sober American Third division won it.

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Honest pastors in Cleveland, weary of the unwitting arrogance of saying amen to their own shibboleths, were ready to admit the fact that their ministry was not effectual in this crucial hour. All of us believed that the Word of God contained the only revelation that could speak to men's hearts. Each knew that God was not dead, the blood of Jesus Christ was not lacking in intrinsic value, nor was the Holy Spirit weary. What then could be wrong?

About this time someone gave the writer's name to Mr. Horace Dean, Chairman of the CHRIST FOR AMERICA movement. A call to prayer under the signatures of twelve representative men of various theological persuasions were sent to approximately 100 clergymen. Ever since that day, April 25, 1944, there have been Monday morning prayer meetings held each week in the Cleveland City Mission.

Evangelists tell us they are greeted everywhere with this word, "This is a difficult place." Many of the men in Cleveland were aware that Roger Babson had spoken of the area between Cleveland, Ohio, and Erie, Pennsylvania, as the coldest part of the United States spiritually. Then, too, some of us heard Mrs. "Ma" Sunday relate that Cleveland was the only major city which refused to allow her husband to conduct an evangelistic campaign. Everyone owned that men like Moody, Torrey, and others had said that this city was the graveyard of evangelism. Many of us believed that we serve a living Savior and we refused to be dead. However, we admitted that we needed to be revitalized. Faced with the ravishing affects of the war, conscious that many of our people in the name of patriotism were worshipping materialistic idols called "time and a half" and "double time," in defense plants deeply concerned over the tumbling thrones, awed by the fact that the blood of Christian martyrs has flowed more freely since 1918 than in all the history of man, we could not help but cry out with Habakkuk, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

Confession was inevitable. We knew that Jesus Christ would build His Church, but what kind of builders were we? We owned that Jesus Christ was the Captain of our salvation, but we could not take orders. And so men cried, "Oh God, forgive us for grieving the Holy Spirit, for recognizing and obeying the laws of society and of the economic world but failing to win precious souls." We had preached on prayer and seldom prayed. The worth of soul winning had been our subject and we had not been subject to the command to win souls. Our hearts cry and refuge was that of the

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cember came and one night a layman said, "Why not prove God?" and in the discussion that followed, "Give us an evangelist for a thirty day period in February and March." Imagine the reaction of planning minds with top-ranking evangelists booked for a year or more. Nine names were submitted by those present. Dr. John R. Rice's name topped the list. It was suggested that we call him by telephone and we were reminded that the telephone strike was on. The meeting closed. Our secretary - treasurer, Clifton J. Robinson, picked up the receiver and asked for Dr. John R. Rice, Wheaton, Illinois. The operator said, "Is it urgent?" and Cliff responded, "Thousands of souls are dying without Christ in Cleveland and we need an evangelist. We believe it urgent." She said, "I do, too," and the call went through. Dr. Rice was in Fort Wayne. We learned that due to a cancellation February 11 to March 11 was open.

Dr. Rice and Dr. Wells came to us the next Monday night. One brother said, "Almighty God brought together that company who met that night."

The next question was a place of meeting. The Public Auditorium in Cleveland has sixteen auditoriums; the largest seats 14,000; the Music Hall seats 3,000; and the ballroom seats 1,800. The business manager of the Public Auditorium told us that revivals don't work in Cleveland. He sought to discourage us. We were persistent. Then came the clearing of dates. There was a ballet company for the last three strategic nights and a concert blocked

another night. We asked the business manager if he believed in prayer and he said he did. We told him we would pray out the ballet company and the concert. They have been prayed out, praise God.

We, the pastors and members of about 100 cooperating pastors and churches, share with you this prayer burden that you will pray for Dr. John R. Rice and J. Stratton Shufelt that we may prove that God is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently serve Him, that Jesus Christ may be lifted up in all His magnetic power and that the operation of the Holy Spirit may be evidenced as He convicts the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment Feb. 11, 1945.

Editor's Note: The foregoing was written Sunday morning of the opening day. There were two blessed services, Afternoon and evening, great crowds, a deep spirit of expectancy and hunger of heart. No invitation was given in the services, but two came forward to meet the editor (and evangelist) in the inquiry room after the evening service. Both were wonderfully saved, one of them a drunkard with a wife and three children who said he was at the end of his rope. Backsliders came back to God in confession. Mr. Shufelt and I greatly need your prayers. Many hundreds should be saved in this campaign. Oh for the breath of God upon us! Oh for a Pentecost of power and salvation, with the city shaken! God is able. I hope hundreds will join in a half hour daily of secret prayer for this and other revival campaigns.

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himself is careful to tell us (I Pet. 2:4-9.)

First Peter 2:4-9 says, "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe He is precious: but unto them which he disobedient, the stone which the builder disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

From the above Scripture you can tell that all Christians are living stones, built up into a spiritual house. But the foundation stone Himself is Jesus Christ.

That is exactly what I Corinthians 3:10, 11 says, "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay then that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." No foundation can be laid but Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 28:16 has a prophesy about Jesus Christ which says, "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." This Scripture speaks of Christ as a foundation stone, a precious corner stone. Jesus is both. Many times in the Old Testament the Lord Himself is called a Rock. Psalm 18:2 says, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." You see, the rock, or stone, upon which the church is built, is Jesus Christ Himself, and not Peter. Jesus said to Peter, "Thou art Peter (a boulder, or a little rock, the word means) and upon this rock (Christ, the foundation bedrock, a different Greek word) I will build my church."

Peter had just said to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16.) So Jesus is telling Peter that upon Himself the church would be founded. Christ is the chief cornerstone, the foundation stone, the head of the church and the foundation. A great old song teaches this same thing,

"The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord."

2. Jesus Did Not Give Peter the Keys to Heaven or the Keys to the Church

In Matthew 16:19 Jesus said, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose

on earth shall be loosed in Heaven." Catholics think that Jesus gave Peter the keys to Heaven and the keys to the church, and that whatever Peter or his successor (for so they call the pope) requires, must be done if we want to get to Heaven. In other words, they say that the Catholic church, with its pope and priesthood, has the authority given to Peter, and that therefore only through the Catholic church can one be saved. But they misunderstand and misinterpret the Scripture altogether. Again, let me give you the most widely accepted interpretation of this passage. The Scofield Reference Bible, in a note on this verse, says, "Not the keys of the church, but of the kingdom of heaven in the sense of Matt. 13, i.e. the sphere of Christian profession. A key is a badge of power or authority (cf. Isa. 22:22; Rev. 3:7.) The apostolic history explains and limits this trust, for it was Peter who opened the door of Christian opportunity to Israel on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38-42,) and to Gentiles in the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:34-46.) There was no assumption by Peter of any other authority (Acts 15:7-11.) In the council James, not Peter, seems to have presided (Acts 15:19; cf. Gal. 2:11-15.) Peter claimed no more for himself than to be an apostle by gift (1 Pet. 1:1,) and an elder by office (1 Pet. 5:1.) The power of binding and loosing was shared (Matt. 18:18; John 20:23) by the other disciples. That it did not involve the determination of the eternal destiny of souls is clear from Rev. 1:18. The keys of death and the place of departed spirits are held by Christ alone."

It is important to note that Peter himself never claimed the power to save people or damn them. Peter never did pretend that he was the head of the church. Peter never pretended to forgive sins on his own authority. He never said, as Roman Catholic priests say, "Te absolvo," or "I forgive you." Rather Peter preached about Jesus that "To him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:43.) There Peter preached to Cornelius and his household that whoever would believe in Christ or trust in Him should have remission of sins. It was not on the basis of the mass, or the basis of a priesthood, or doing penance, or saying prayers, or baptism. Those who put their trust in Christ would have all their sins remitted, forgiven, Peter said. You see, Peter never pretended that he was given the power to forgive sins. So Peter understood what Jesus meant better than the Catholics do.

3. In Bible Times Neither the Other Apostles Nor Peter Thought That Peter Was the Head of the Church

In Ephesians 2, 19 and 20, we are told, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." You see, Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone as well as the foundation, and the apostles and prophets were built upon Christ, all of them alike, and then we who are left follow them. In building a building you have first the foundation, then you put on other stones, in this case the apostles and prophets. Then in succession, others who were saved were added to this church or building, which is "fitly framed together," as "an holy temple in the Lord." You see that here the apostles and prophets are all alike

a foundation upon the one main foundation. Nothing is said more for Peter here than for the other apostles and the prophets.

In Acts, chapter fifteen, there was a big council at Jerusalem, to decide whether Gentiles needed to be circumcised or not. Before that council Peter made a speech, as you see in Acts 15:17-11. Then Paul and Barnabas made speeches, as you see in verse 12. Then when everybody else was through, James made a speech and settled the matter; he said in verse 19, "Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles have turned to God; but that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollution of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood." You see, James had the final say. Then all the apostles and elders agreed, and they wrote letters carrying out the sentence, or the decision, of James. Certainly, at Jerusalem, James was as important as Peter when it came to authority in the church. Peter was no more a pope than James was. He was no more a pope than Paul and Barnabas were. He was a great preacher, and an apostle, but that was all. Later Paul was preaching at Antioch. Gentiles were saved. Peter was glad they were saved and he laid aside his old Jewish prejudices and ate with them. But when some Jews came from Jerusalem, Peter was afraid of them, so he withdrew himself from Gentiles. He led other Jews likewise to do wrong, even Barnabas. So what did Paul do? He boldly rebuked Peter, before everybody! Galatians 2:11-14 tells the story by divine inspiration, "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?"

Does that look like Peter was the head of the church, a pope? Does that look like he pretended to have the keys to Heaven, and save people or damn them? Absolutely not! Peter was only a man, a good preacher, one of the first of the twelve apostles, but he had no more authority than Paul or the other apostles, and when he did wrong they felt perfectly free to rebuke him. Peter never claimed to be the head of the church nor to have the power to forgive sins. If anyone says so, then they simply do not know the Bible. And Peter certainly knew whether he was a pope or not and whether Christ had put him at the head of the church, and whether only he and others appointed by him could give salvation, could forgive sins. No such thing is taught in the Bible, and Peter did not think anything like that.

4. There Are Several Good Reasons Why Peter Could Not Have Been the First Pope

First, Peter would not make a good pope, because he was married. Matthew 8:14, 15, and two other passages, tell how Jesus healed Peter's wife's mother, who was sick of a fever. Long later, Peter still had his wife, for Paul spoke of him (Cephas, another name here) in 1 Corinthians 9:5, "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?" You see, Peter still had his wife. There is nothing wrong with a preacher

having a wife. 1 Timothy 3:2 says, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife." But popes, contrary to the Scriptures, do not marry, so Peter would not have made a good pope.

Second, there is not a single scrap of evidence that Peter ever went to Rome. The Bible never mentions his going to Rome; when Paul went to Rome, Peter was evidently not there, as Paul does not mention him at all in letters written from Rome, and there is not any secular history which reliably mentions Peter's going to Rome. That is only a myth, a tradition, unconfirmed by any reliable history and unconfirmed by the Bible.

5. The Catholic Church Could Not Be "The True Church," as Catholics Claim

This is true for several reasons. First, Catholics misunderstand the meaning of the word 'church.' In the Bible, the word church sometimes means a local congregation, like "the church of God at Corinth" (1 Cor. 1:2,) or "the churches of Galatia," or "the church of the Laodiceans" (Rev. 3:14.) A local congregation is a church, in the Bible sense. It is a called-out assembly. The Bible also uses the word church to refer to the whole body of Christ, including all the saved whose names are written in Heaven. Christ is the head of this church. Everyone who is converted, born-again, thus becomes a part of that heavenly body that will be called out and assembled in Heaven when Jesus comes. All the saved of all ages will be in that church.

But the Catholic church is not a local organization. And it is not a spiritual body including all the believers of the ages. Instead of that, it is simply a human organization on earth, headed by the pope and cardinals, and under them the archbishops, bishops and priests and monks and people. It is as much a human organization as any earthly government, as any business corporation. It owns property, it carries on its business on a worldly basis. No Catholic who is intelligent even pretends that all Catholics are converted, born-again Christians. No Catholic priest in the world will tell you that all Catholics go to Heaven. Every Catholic priest in the world is taught to say masses for the dead, trying to pray them out of purgatory, and hoping that it can be done, but not sure of it. So the true church, as pictured in the Bible, could not be the Catholic church, this human, carnal, worldly organization, a denomination. When Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my church" He could not have meant the Catholic denomination, for that is not the Bible kind of church. Next, the Catholic church could not be the true church because it is unscriptural on the most vital doctrines of all. It does not even teach the true plan of salvation. That plan of salvation as given by Jesus, was this, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In John 3:18, John 3:36, John 5:24, John 8:40, John 6:47, Jesus plainly said that all who would personally believe in Him or trust in Him would have everlasting life. Salvation was made wholly on the basis of a personal dependence, a personal trust in Christ as a personal Saviour. Certainly that is not the doctrine taught by Catholics. They try to save people through the church, and not by direct personal faith in Christ. They try to save people by mass, by confession, by doing penance, by saying over and over certain prayers, etc. Catholics are utterly different from Jesus Christ on the plan of salvation, so they could not be the right church. Incidentally, Paul and Barnabas preached exactly the same plan of salvation. In Acts 13:38, 39 at

Antioch they preached that, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." To the jailer in Acts 16:31 Paul and Barnabas preached, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." All New Testament preachers and apostles preached the same plan of salvation, which is utterly foreign to the doctrines of the Catholic church. The Catholic church, therefore, could not be the true church.

The Catholics forbid priests and nuns to marry. And they command the people to abstain from meats on Fridays and in Lent. This clearly shows that the Catholic church fulfills the "doctrines of devils" plainly prophesied in I Timothy 4:1-3. In the Bible times pastors and preachers were supposed to marry. Catholics changed that.

In Bible times, the Lord Jesus gave the communion or the last supper and taught people to take this supper, both the bread and wine, in remembrance of Him. Catholics changed it and make the bread and wine actually to be the body and blood of Jesus, instead of representing it, and then they take the wine away from the people and the priests take all the wine. And instead of having it in memory of Jesus, to remind people that they are saved only by faith in His shed blood and broken body, Catholics put saving power in the ordinance itself, which is wrong. Hence the Catholic church could not be the true church. It is unscriptural in so many vital doctrines.

In fact, in Revelation, chapter 17, we have a picture of the Roman Catholic church as "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication." Also called, "Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations on the earth." Read that chapter and you will see in it the Spanish inquisition, and the murder of the martyrs by the Catholic church. Notice the scarlet colors in verse 3. Then in verse 18 we are plainly told, "And the women which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." That surely is the city of Rome. Verse 9 says, "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." Those are the hills of Rome, of course. You see that the Catholic church, called "the great whore," "The mother of harlots and abominations in the earth," the false church at the city of Rome, ruling over the kings of the earth, is an abomination to God and could not be the true church.

I have gone into this matter pretty carefully, and I hope you will read the Scriptures and check up on these things for yourself.

It is true that the Catholic Bible has some books that the Protestant Bible does not have. The reason for this is that the Catholics simply picked out some writings and decided that they wanted to have them in the Bible. They were never recognized by Jews in Old Testament times as part of the Word of God, even the part which was written then. The books of the Maccabees, for example, were of great interest, and the Jews kept them but did not regard them as inspired. They

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MAN'S NEED OF AN UTTERMOST SAVIOUR

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God. You might attend church every day of your life but your nature would not change. You might, by sheer will power, force yourself to scan the pages of the Bible every day, but you would find within yourself no appetite for the Word of God.

You must realize and know, until the Lord Jesus Christ saves you, that your whole nature will be rebellious against God, and that any thought of spiritual things will be obnoxious to you. What you need is an "Uttermost Saviour." You cannot save yourself. You cannot change your old nature by attending church, being baptized, or by putting on an outward profession of religion.

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jeremiah 13:23).

Man Needs An Uttermost Saviour to Give Him a New Nature

The Lord Jesus Christ said, "Ye must be born again"—"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. . . . Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:6-7).

Unsaved friend, you don't need a new environment: YOU NEED A NEW NATURE; a nature born from above; the very nature of God born within you. Then, and then only, can you be adopted into the body of Christ and the kingdom of God. The spiritual birth of a Christian is just as evident as the physical birth. After man has been born of the Spirit HE BECOMES A NEW CREATION.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Corinthians 5:17). Being born again, the sinner becomes "a new creature." He is a partaker of a "new and divine nature."

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (II Peter 1:4).

Sin loses its appeal: The saved

sinner is transferred into a new world, with new appetites and new desires. The things that he once loved, he now hates: "Old things pass away." The things he once detested, he now loves: "All things become new." The Christian, upon being "born again," finds it perfectly natural to pray, to read, understand, and enjoys the Bible, and to love the association of God's children: THIS SIMPLY BECAUSE HE IS A NEW CREATURE.

Man Needs an Uttermost Saviour Because His Very Intellect Is Lost

You will perhaps say, "I cannot understand the new birth." No, beloved, and you never will UNTIL YOU EXPERIENCE IT. Man's fatal mistake is that he insists on approaching God through the intellect. Man cannot, and never will be able to approach God through his intellect because his whole intellect has been poisoned. When sin entered into the Garden of Eden its virus was injected into the whole human family and it has produced definite symptoms. Every thought of man is opposite to the thoughts of God. Every path pursued by man is the very opposite to the path God would choose for him. The world is steeped in sin and men are sinners because it is natural for them to sin. Oh how the pride of man hates to face this truth of God. Man would like to confine sin and the definition of sin to unspeakable practices of social degradation. But again let me say, my dear man or woman, God's conclusion of sin is because of "REBELLION IN YOUR HEART" and not the manifestation of that rebellion.

It Is Hard for Men to Realize His Very Mind Is Poisoned and That It Is a Rebel Against God

I am not going to argue the subject with you. All I can do is to present God's truth. We find many in this world today who are trying to solve the mysteries of God on an intellectual plane. THIS IS EXACTLY THE REASON WHY THE MAJORITY OF OUR INTELLECTUAL MEN KNOW NOTHING OF GOD. The scripture says, "The natural man

receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." (I Corinthians 2:14). My dear friend, if you are seeking to understand God from an intellectual standpoint, you will never know Him. All of God's truth is by revelation and not from intellectual sources. Beside, you have inherited a fallen nature and a mind which is entirely against God. Even your mind is lost to the uttermost, therefore you need an "uttermost Saviour." I am not here representing the opinions of man. I am here to declare God's revelation of your lost condition and God tells in His Word the condition of your mind and the reason why it is so hard for you to accept God's truth.

The first scripture I want to give you is found in II Corinthians 4:3-4.

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. . . . In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Now I have just given you (exhibit A). The Bible says that "The God of this age hath blinded the minds of them that believe not."

Now, my friend, if you are an unbeliever, remember God says your mind is blinded. And again in (exhibit B), found in Ephesians 4:18:

"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart."

Oh my unsaved friend, please realize and know that were you to use the facilities of all of the chemical laboratories in the world, you would never be able to understand and know God because your mind has been blinded. Were you to scan the heavens through the largest telescope, God's truth would be hidden from you so long as you insist upon approaching Him upon the premise of intellect, "for the unregenerate mind is blinded." Not only blinded, it is "darkened," therefore God's Word is the impregnable rock into which you cannot gain access by the intellect. Not only is your mind blinded and darkened, God also says:

"The Natural Mind Is Enmity Against God"

"Because the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Romans 8:7).

My dear friend, what you need to do is to come to God by the Lord Jesus Christ, then you will be able to understand all that which is so mysterious to you now. Again let me repeat: That you cannot approach God on the premise of intellectuality; that accounts for man's blindness. Until your mind has been regenerated; until by faith you approach God, the natural mind and all of its thinking is as opposite of God as the east from the west. The natural mind will only take you away from, and not toward God. If you cannot understand the things of God, what you need is a regeneration of the natural mind.

How foolish it is for men who are unregenerate and have never been born again, to try to see the things of God. God says your mind is the enemy of God and that it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be.

Men Say, "If I Cannot Approach God Through My Intelligence, by What Means Will I Approach Him?"

No greater illustration of the inability of the natural mind to understand the things of God is pictured than Nicodemus' approach to the Lord Jesus Christ. In his natural mind and through observance of the supernatural works of the Lord Jesus Christ, he could understand; "That no man doeth the works that thou

doest except God be with him." Nicodemus was an intellectual man, seeking to find God through the intellect. Jesus wasted no time in trying to reason things out with Nicodemus. He said, "Ye must be born again. That which is born of the flesh, (including the mind) is flesh." "Flesh and blood doth not inherit the kingdom of God." You need to be born of the Spirit, and then Nicodemus, you will understand.

Oh that I might bring this great truth to you this morning. Oh that the Holy Spirit of God would sweep aside the black curtain of unbelief from your mind and cause you to see that until your mind is changed you will never see God. You will never know the things of God and never understand the things of God. When the Lord Jesus Christ wanted to illustrate this great truth He took a little child in His arms and blessed it and said: "Except you humble yourself and become as a little child, you can in nowise see the kingdom of God."

Don't you see, my friend, that your approach has been all wrong? When you seek to approach God from the intellectual standpoint you are entirely wrong for the intellect is never humble. The path to humility is the path to success. A little child has an open mind, therefore a little child can accept truth and believe it without question. I fear our mind is closed, that the padlock of pride has been placed upon it. A little child accepts the teachings of its father without question. Why not accept the teachings of your heavenly Father without question? Are you afraid of such a plan? God puts forth a challenge in (John 7:17)—"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

Oh I beg of you, come off your false pedestal of intellectual pride and humble yourself. You need not be afraid of being wrong. You are already wrong! You need not be afraid of being deceived. You are already deceived! What you need is to be undeceived. You need not be afraid of being illusioned. You are deluded. What you need is a disillusion and that can only be brought about when you come to God as a little child and with an open mind, ready to receive the truth. Others with minds far less brilliant than yours have comprehended it because they came as a little child. You can safely trust Him to save you. You need not be afraid of being lost by trusting Christ, you know in your own heart that you are already lost because you have not trusted Him. Why not reverse the position and reverse your approach and come to Him as a little child? "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Oh my friend, today I beseech you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to come as a little child to Him—"WHO IS ABLE TO SAVE YOU TO THE UTTERMOST." Lay aside your cloak of pride which has blinded you to all spiritual truth. There must be one thing evident to you, all of your intellectual prognostications have certainly brought you no peace at heart nor peace of mind. You have tried everything else. Why not try God by opening your mind? You have had it open to Satan's gibes and to his doubts: "Yea, hath God said?" You have given the devil full and free sway in your mind. You have given him every opportunity to give you something better than the old simple Christian faith, but what has it brought you? Your whole life is hemmed in by waves of doubt. Your hope of tomorrow has died within your breast. Your doubts have not given you the comfort of the simple faith you discarded for the false god of science. I am not objecting

to true science. True science has no controversy with the Bible. The Bible has no controversy with true science, but there is today a science, but it is as the Apostle so-called science, which is not a Paul said, "Science falsely so called." God says, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." (Isaiah 45:22).

Attitude Toward Jew

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Toldoth Jeshu is but prejudiced opinion. The best of Christians are still disciples in the making, and are always bound to fall short of His perfection. I appeal to you; I APPEAL TO YOU—come to Him firsthand! Be taught by Him. Secure your photograph directly. Remove the barrier of human frailty. Let the New Testament speak for itself to your heart. GIVE CHRIST A CHANCE.

Give Christ a Chance!

Long ago the Prophet Jeremiah wrote, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord; but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31:31-34.) I appeal to you, Oh Israel, will you read the New Testament without prejudice or bitterness and seriously consider whether it might not after all be that "new covenant" of which Jeremiah spoke? Will you be fair with my appeal? With Christians? With Christ?

Oh, I love you tonight. I yearn for your covenant relationship with Christ your Messiah. Generations ago your forefathers were in Egyptian bondage. Jehovah gave them Moses as a leader and deliverer. The hour of release came. He told them to "sprinkle the blood" of a lamb upon the "lintel and door posts of their dwellings." That night the death angel came through and entered every house whereon there was no blood, but to those who had put the blood upon their doors was the promise fulfilled, "when I see the blood, I will pass over you." Where is the blood tonight, Israel? I make bold to reply; it is with Christ! He cried, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." Come to Him. He is the blood marked door. Enter! In Him you will be safe evermore.

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Was Peter the First Pope?

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never were counted part of the Word of God. They do not seem to be nor prove themselves to be, like other books of the Bible. They do not add any divine revelation, they do not make plain any other doctrine—why should we add to the Bible these other books?

These other books, called "the apocrypha," are in print, and available all over the country if people wanted to buy them. They do not buy them, neither Catholics nor Protestants, in important amounts. Really, the books are not especially interesting and not specially helpful, and clearly they are not inspired like the Bible itself is. Just as the Catholic church felt free to change God's plans and go against the Bible in many other matters, commanding priests not to marry, forbidding common people to take the Lord's supper "in both kinds," that is, with bread and wine both, and perfecting the Bible plan of salvation, so

Catholics presumptuously added these other books to the Bible. Before the famous Council of Trent they were never regarded as part of the Bible by very many people.

I do not say that no Catholics are real Christians. Any who have personally repented of their sins and have trusted Jesus Christ to forgive their sins and save their souls are saved. Some, no doubt, despite the trappings and forms of Romanism, have in their hearts found the Saviour. But Romanism is a terrible curse. Any true children of God who are in this unscriptural organization which pretends to forgive sins and pretends to have the sole authority of Christ on earth should come out and follow the Bible, the Word of God itself, instead of following the teachings and traditions of the unscriptural Roman Catholic church.

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